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Prevention of crime and gang violence



Stop the problem before it gets out of control

Tracy Pecore
Newsletter Editor

On October 14 and 15 Detective Sergeant Matthew Hall, a ten year Veteran of Indian Country Law Enforcement visited the Ho-Chunk Nation with the goal of assisting in targeting prevention of gangs and violent crime.

Detective Hall, currently the Supervisor of the Arizona Tohono O'odham Nation Police Department Anti-Violence Unit (AVU) is tasked with the investigation of gang, gun, narcotic, and fugitive related crimes occurring on or with a nexus to the Tohono O'odham Nation. He is a member of the Federal Bureau of Investigations (FBI) Safe Trails Task force and has assisted in the assessment of gang activities on several locations across Indian Country.

He is a graduate of the Federal Law Enforcement Training Center Criminal Investigator Training Program, the Northern Arizona Regional Training Academy, and the Washington State Reserve Police Academy, and holds a Bachelors Degree in Communications from the University of Arizona. In addition, Detective Hall served on the police force for the Swinomish Tribe (WA) prior to joining the Tohono O'odham Nation Police Department.

Detective Sergeant Hall has completed assessments/site visits to several Tribal Nation's including: Swinomish (WA), Tohono O'odham (AZ), Salt River/Maricopa Indian Community (AZ), Navajo Nation (Four Corners), Pine Ridge (SD), Blackfeet (MT), Rocky Boy (MT), Lumi (WA), Puyallup (WA), Lac Du Flambeau (WI), Cherokee (OK), and others as well.

On October 14, Detective Hall and the HCN Chief of Police Daniel Libke met

with school administrators, local law enforcement, youth services and community members to gain an idea of the level of gang activity in the Wisconsin Dells, Tomah and Black River Falls areas. The assessment was beneficial as it opened eyes to the things that have been overlooked. Chief Libke stated Detective Hall is very knowledgeable and offered a wealth of information. "It shows we have a lot to learn on the subject. The next step is to implement laws to protect our children."

On October 15, Detective Hall offered an all-day workshop at the Blue Wing Community Center in Tomah, WI. Approximately 40 participants gained knowledge on gang awareness, how violent crime begins and gains strength in tribal communities. The training offered information on gangs and violent crime trends, cultural implications of gangs in tribal communities, improving the quality of life in tribal communities through effective programs



Detective Sergeant Matthew Hall of the Tohono O'odham Nation Police Department.

and action planning. The afternoon consisted of discussing viable solutions for the prevention of gangs and how to involve our communities. It was stressed this isn't a school problem, law enforcement problem or family problem. Rather this

is a nationwide problem that needs to be addressed as such.

Although this was Detective Hall's first visit to Ho-Chunk country, he was able to see there is an emerging gang problem within the

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Detective Sergeant Matthew Hall, a ten year veteran of Indian Country Law Enforcement, speaks to Ho-Chunk Tribal members on Gangs: Awareness, Recognition, and Response. All expenses associated were paid for by a technical assistance grant through the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) and the Office of Native American Programs (ONAP).

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Minors Trust Task Force seeking input and feedback

Dear Tribal Members,

This is to inform you that the Ho-Chunk Nation is preparing to update the original minor trust agreement with Old Kent Bank. Since its inception in 1998, the agreement has only been updated to provide for the establishment of a minor trust and requires updates and amendments to address contemporary issues dealing with minors and adult incompetents.

The original agreement is still known as the "Old Kent Bank" agreement even though Old Kent Bank was dissolved and a new bank, Fifth Third Bank, was named as the suc-

cessor trustee. Through the years, the original agreement was never methodically updated as the tribal member account holder needs changed.

Based Ho-Chunk Nation's assertion for high ethical banking standards, a properly updated agreement needs to be executed with Fifth Third Bank so that it can be held accountable for its responsibilities to the minor trust account holders and the adult incompetent trust account holders.

Here are some of the existing problems with the way that the minor trust accounts and adult incompetent accounts:

1. There is no specified Tribal Department created to deal with the minor trust and adult incompetent issues personally and internally.
2. There is no probate code, nor is there a provision in the existing Old Kent Agreement allowing for the tribal court to exercise its sovereign jurisdiction regarding probate matters for account holders, forcing grieving families to appeal to a County court for probate of the tribal account estate, which should not happen.
3. There is no provision dealing with removed and relinquished tribal member accounts who either voluntarily relinquish tribal membership, or for those who are validly removed for failing the DNA testing and requisite blood quantum requirements.
4. The agreement consents to the jurisdiction in the state of Michigan where Old Kent Bank originally operated from, however, the Ho-Chunk Nation is based in Wisconsin and Fifth Third Bank is based out of Ohio, but operating from Illinois.
5. The Old Kent Agreement fails to address certain tribal member on-going needs, such as education, an adult incompetent spendthrift and economic hardship.
6. Adult Incompetent guardians must continually petition the trial court for provisional access for the basic costs of living, making it time-consuming, costly and difficult unnecessarily for the tribal member that they care for.
7. There is no provision dealing with economic hardships or exigent circumstances that tribal youth, adult incompetents and tribal families face in today's economy.
8. There is no provision dealing with accessing such accounts for educational use such as private schooling, online education and alternative education when a tribal member can no longer attend a public school (i.e. expulsion, health needs, etc.).

health needs, etc.).

To address some of these ongoing problems, the Minors Trust Task Force was created to provide data, statistics and draft language to the Legislature. Some changes can be done in the interim to allow for the Nation to exercise its sovereign right to govern itself, however, more substantial changes will be forthcoming to ensure quality services from the trustee bank (such as Fifth Third is) so that the Ho-Chunk Nation can efficiently provide responses to on-going tribal member requests without the existing delays that happen presently.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding the minor trust accounts or adult incompetent accounts, please send them in to the Ho-Chunk Nation Department of Justice and they will be respectfully forwarded to the Task Force for review.

Thanks for your attention and we look forward to hearing from you.

Tribal Attorney
Michelle M. Greendeer

Parent involvement plea

Submitted by Danee Walker
President Pac Haci Youth Council

Hello parents, grandparents, or guardians of Ho-Chunk youth. You are invited to our second official youth general council since 2006! This is a small step towards ensuring the future of our siblings and your children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren. This is also a giant leap towards our establishment.

We will be discussing topics that concern each of our areas. The main topics were drugs/alcohol and new centers. There is so much more to be talked about and we would really appreciate it if our parents could attend. We need your input, help and support for our success.

Our Youth General Council will take place on Thursday, October 28, 2010 at the House of Wellness. If a parent brings 3 to 4 youth and attends with them the whole day you will receive a \$30.00 gas card for WhiteTail Crossing in Baraboo.

On behalf of all of the Ho-Chunk Youth Councils we'd appreciate your support for our 2010 Youth General Council.

Past headlines

Headlines from 5, 10 and 15 years ago

John Kozlowicz, Staff Writer

1995

The Nations' members prepare to attend General Council, scheduled to be held November 4 at the Expo Center in Madison.

2000

Mitchell Red Cloud, Jr. was awarded the "Republic of Korea War Service Medal." Fifty years after he was killed in action, giving his life to save his fellow soldiers, representatives of the Department of Defense, Korean War Commemoration Committee traveled to Black River Falls where they presented the medal to Cpl. Red Clouds' daughter, Anita Red Cloud.

2005

The 1st Annual Community Rumble is held at the District I Community Building. The event provided an opportunity for people of all ages to learn more about home safety. Numerous demonstrations showed observers how everyday choices can affect safety.

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Choosing breakfast

Submitted by
Theresa Wimann,
Adams County WNEP Coordinator

Children choose what clothes they want to wear to school. Children choose what they want to eat for lunch. Rather than arguing about what to eat in the morning, ask kids to choose what they would like for breakfast ahead of time.

"Some studies indicate that the more involved a child is in choosing what they are going to eat or in preparing food for a meal, the more likely they are to consume it," says Theresa Wimann, Adams County WNEP Coordinator. Stack the deck and let your children make a breakfast plan for your family.

Be sure to be a role model for your children. Eat breakfast at home with your kids or if children eat breakfast at school, be sure to let kids know that you and other family adults will eat breakfast later in the morning. "Some studies have demonstrated that children mimic their parents' behavior from a very early age," indicated Wimann. "Highlighting the importance of breakfast consumption in parents' daily routine contributes to children making breakfast a priority."

The benefits of eating breakfast go beyond improved behavior and academic success. Studies also suggest that children and adults who eat breakfast

consistently are less likely to be overweight than those who do not eat breakfast. Eating breakfast helps to control hunger, minimizes temptation to over eat throughout the day and gets your metabolism going. Our grandparents were right when they referred to breakfast as the most important meal of the day.

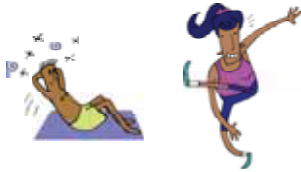
Remember that eating breakfast:

- Gives your body the energy it needs and starts up your metabolism.
- Helps you achieve and maintain a healthy weight.
- May decrease your risk of being overweight.
- May contribute to improving your mood.
- May help control overeating throughout the day.
- Helps you do better in mathematical tests and matching activities.
- Helps reduce early morning fatigue.
- Helps improve your behavior and
- Contributes to your ability to learn!

WNEP education is supported by the USDA Food Stamp Program, UW-Extension, Food Share Wisconsin and local partners. An Equal Opportunity/Affirmative Action Employer, University of Wisconsin-Extension provides equal opportunities in employment and programming including Title IX and ADA Requirements. Contacts for the

program in Adams County are Theresa Wimann, Mary Monroe-Erdmann, Julie Roseberry and Sharon Volkening Wolfe at 608-339-4237.

For more information and suggestions about breakfast contact Adams County UW-Extension WNEP program or for information about school breakfast, contact Adams-Friendship School District at 608-339-3213.



Exercise Classes for the Black River Falls area

Exercise Lite: Mondays, 4:00, Clinic Conference Room (except for the 1st Monday of the month, there is no class). This is a low to moderate intensity chair based, circuit or low impact aerobics class.

Body Shapers: Wednesdays, 4:00, Clinic Conference Room. This is a higher intensity class that includes interval, strength and core training. Please call Kathleen before attending this class if you have any health concerns. Modifications can be made for you.

Elder Fitness: Wednesday, 10:30, BRF TAU. This is a circuit or chair based workout.

Class schedule is subject to
change without notice

Please contact Kathleen Clemons if you have any questions regarding your health and the safety of exercise. I am happy to make modifications to your workout so you can participate. 715-284-9851, ext 5308.
Medical clearance may be needed to begin an exercise program. Participation in classes is voluntary and it is up to the participant to inform the instructor of any health conditions that may exist prior to attending class. Again, please call me if you have any questions.

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"Walk For Those In The Past, Present And Future"

November is National Diabetes Awareness Month. To promote awareness and our dedication to fighting this disease, we will be holding walks in Black River Falls at the District One Community Center and at the House of Wellness in Baraboo. The walks will be held on November 5th at 11:30 with a meal to be served afterwards.



Together we can raise awareness and fight this disease! Be a part of this important event and help yourself and those around you to stand up and fight!

If you have any questions regarding these events call
Tina McArthur at 715-284-9851, ext 5359 or
Rachel Montana at 715-284-9851, ext 5039

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Nijkuusra Community School offers choices in learning

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On October 4, the Nijkuusra Community School, located within the walls of Alexander Middle School in Nekoosa, welcomed four Ho-Chunk students eager to learn more about the Ho-Chunk language, history and culture. This year's students are 5th graders Cameryn Collins and Honey Dakota and 8th graders Kaitlynn Dakota and Tya Ruiz.

Co-sponsored by the Ho-Chunk Nation and the Nekoosa School District, the school provides an alternative project based learning environment for learners in the 5th to 8th grades.

Since it opened in January 2009, Nijkuusra has been at two previous sites that removed students from the general student body. Citing that because students were being regularly transported to the Middle School for classes like physical education, arts and music and that the time spent traveling could be better used in the classroom, the Nijkuusra Community School Governance Board made a motion last May that the school be moved to the Middle School, a move that Middle School and Nijkuusra Principal Jon Sprehn believes will prove to be beneficial as the school seeks to attract new students. "We're going to be here a long time."

He acknowledged that the school is beginning "a pivotal year" in the Nation's effort to pass on its language, culture and traditions to younger members in a classroom setting. He added that although the current enrollment remains below the Nation's and the district's goal of 15 students, he is optimistic that with the move to the new location the number will grow. He explained that while any additional students this year would have to come from students living within the Nekoosa School District borders, Wisconsin's Open Enrollment Period, held each February, allows students from other districts to attend the following school year. He continued that while students from outside the Nekoosa

District have expressed an interest in attending, until recently, when the Governance Board worked out transportation issues, there was no way of getting the students to school. "That issue should be resolved by next fall. Until then, the staff and students will be the best salespeople promoting the school's virtues," he said.

Among the community members supporting the school is Ericka Cloud, a former member of the Governance Board. Ericka's two older children attended Nijkuusra and her daughter Cameryn Collins is a current student. Ericka believes that although the term, alternative school, may lead some people to think negatively of the school, she welcomed the opportunity for her children to be exposed to something different. She does believe that the Nijkuusra Community School Governance Board, the Nekoosa School District and the Ho-Chunk Nation all need to do a better job marketing the school and the opportunities it offers. She explained that because most people likely do not understand the Project Learning Curriculum, they likely have a fear of the unknown and have been hesitant about sending their children into something they do not understand. It should be noted that visitors, particularly parents are always welcome to visit. For security reasons, visits should be pre-arranged with the staff.

Ericka continued that while some question the accountability of Project Learning, students are held to the same standards of other students. She added that in some cases, because students are allowed to advance at their own rate, these students compare favorably with others when they return to a public school. She added that her older two children who attended Nijkuusra are now both doing well in a more traditional setting and made mention that her daughter was thankful to have used the math program because she was able to learn at her own pace and is now ahead of the freshman level.



Kaitlynn Dakota, Honey Dakota, Cameryn Collins, Ona Garvin, Tya Ruiz and Kristin Kania; the students and staff at Nijkuusra Community School-October 2010.

Sprehn is excited that for the first time the school has a licensed Lead Teacher with a background in the Project Learning Curriculum favored by the Governance Board. Kristin Kania brings four years of experience working in an atmosphere that provides an alternative approach to education. Sprehn explained that rather than to lecture the students, Kristin's role is to help students acquire the skills needed to learn in and out of the classroom. Kania added that "we offer more flexibility and a more individualized education."

Instead of a formal, subject-orientated class, the teachers and students choose, plan, research and complete academic study and hands-on projects that result in real life product. Learning in and out of the classroom, students work to build "real world" connections, working with community members and others in various areas of study. Progress in each area is monitored and the teacher must approve any movement to the next step. It is believed the process of learning is more important than any exact, fact-based curriculum.

Projects will have many components. Each project will generally last several weeks and the students will need to document the learning and time devoted to the project that must be approved by two advisors. Working from steps described in a Project Checklist, students complete each project by working with teachers to get help in problem areas and to incorporate academic standards.

After meeting with Kania and learning that she enjoys eating frybread, the class decided that their first group project would be researching

and learning more about a food closely associated with Native Americans. Kania explained that the project serves as a perfect example of project learning taking a simple idea and turning it into a research project. Along with researching, for example, when frybread was introduced to the Ho-Chunk people and if it was originally served only



Helene Lincoln, Ho-Chunk tribal elder and a Master Speaker who also serves as Curriculum Developer.

at special occasions, students are researching if different traditional frybread recipes exist among Native tribes. Family members and others will be asked to share their memories of making frybread and perhaps pass along their favorite recipes. Although it is still early in the project, Kania continued that because the project requires a demonstration of the final product, she is looking forward to the students preparing the food.

Kania explained that current

plans call for students to complete projects that involve individual interests, service learning (working in the community) and the Ho-Chunk Nation culture. In addition, students are required to spend at least 100 hours each on reading and math classes assigned according to student's individual ability.

What makes the school unique is the time spent exposing students to the Ho-Chunk language, tradition culture and history. Teachers Ona Garvin and Helene Lincoln, a Master Speaker who also serves as Curriculum Developer, work daily with the students in the more traditional teaching environment. Using a program developed by the Ho-Chunk Nation Division of Language and other materials created by noted elders Robinson Johnson and Lavina Thorud, Ona is focused on the students learning the language and taking their new knowledge home and into the community. She stated that all the current students have a good foundation, having been exposed to language at a Ho-Chunk Head Start, at a Ho-Chunk youth program, or by family members who speak the language at home. Ona acknowledged local language instructor Janice Savage for her contributions in helping people learn and others who by speaking Hocak, have enhanced and encouraged others to learn.

The schools' Vision and Mission Statement outlines its intentions:

Nijkuusra Community School is a student friendly project based learning environment that offers students unique challenges to integrate the cultural arts, history and language of the Ho-Chunk Nation.



Teacher Kristin Kania helps Kaitlynn Dakota (left) and Tya Ruiz with a project.

15th Annual Law Day

Submitted by
Ho-Chunk Nation Associate Judge
Amanda L. Rockman

On October 6-7, 2010, the Ho-Chunk Nation Trial Court hosted its fifteenth Annual "Law Day," designed as a continuing legal education program for legal practitioners, and a community education event for tribal members. For the fifth year, Law Day was held in conjunction with a quarterly meeting of the Wisconsin Tribal Judges Association, Inc. For the first year, the Court held a Tribal Court

Clerks training component. Due to these varying training components, 2010 represents the most well-attended Law Day in the Judiciary's history.

The Trial Court elected to offer free Tribal Court Clerk training for a variety of reasons. The general state of the economy and the recognized lack of resources for tribes to send their clerks to costly training caused Chief Judge Todd R. Matha to evaluate the issue. The Ho-Chunk Nation Judiciary previously sent clerks to various tribal trainings in Nevada and Colorado, but it found that the application of clerks' concepts and duties were decidedly pan-Indian, and did not focus on Ho-Chunk specific laws or court procedures.

Together Judge Matha, Associate Judge Amanda L. Rockman, and Staff Attorneys Rebecca L. Maki and Zachary H. Atherton-Ely composed a training focused on each tribe's specific laws and court rules or procedures. The training discussed jurisdiction, confidentiality, due process, and court transparency. Approximately, twenty (20) tribal clerks participated. Tribal clerk participants were generally from Wisconsin. The Judiciary also welcomed a clerk from the Nez Perce Tribal Court in Idaho.



Approximately, twenty (20) tribal clerks participated with representatives from Wisconsin Tribal Courts and Nez Perce Tribal Court. Training discussed jurisdiction, confidentiality, due process, and court transparency.



Wisconsin Tribal Judges Association Meeting, discussing Wisconsin's discretionary transfer of civil actions to tribal court.

On Thursday, registrants attended Law Day, "Motion Practice," which discussed burdens of proof, affirmative defenses, dismissals with or without

prejudice, and post judgment motions. The event developed into a collaborative experience; a mechanism to share information, concepts, and ideas among Wisconsin tribal courts. In addition, the information was gathered and presented in a format that provided local legal professionals and litigants with the necessary tools and knowledge to litigate actions in the Ho-Chunk Nation Trial Court. If you are interested in receiving copies of the materials used and provided at Law Day, please visit the judicial webpage at www.ho-chunknation.com.

Ho-Chunk Court officers conduct training program

John Kozlowski
Staff Writer

From October 6-8, tribal court personnel from throughout Wisconsin gathered at the Ho-Chunk Nation Wa Ehi Hoci Courthouse in Black River Falls. Along with providing training to tribal court clerks and hosting the 15th Annual Law Day, the Nation's Courthouse was the site of the annual meeting of the Wisconsin Tribal Judges Association.

During the Tribal Court Clerk Training Sessions, held on October 6-7, Ho-Chunk Nation Chief Trial Court Justice Todd Matha and Associate Trial Court Justice Amanda Rockman explained and clarified the role and jurisdiction limits of trial courts and how Public Law 280 affects Wisconsin's tribal court system.

Later Justices Matha and Rockman along with courthouse staff attorneys Rebecca Maki and Zachary Atherton-Ely outlined and explained the specific duties and responsibilities assigned to tribal court clerks; including ethical considerations, scheduling, maintaining proper court procedure, keeping accurate records and providing good service to those visiting the court.

Asked if the Nation's Judiciary was asked to, or volunteered to provide the training, Judge Matha said that because in his experience other training sessions did not specifically deal with the unique challenges facing the Wisconsin

Tribal Court System, the Nation's Judicial Branch offered to host the training. Along with the training that was intended to provide the clerks a better understanding of some basic legal concepts they might encounter, Matha continued that rather than just explain the duty of court clerks, the training sessions were designed to help the clerks understand why they're doing something. He added that because each one of Wisconsin's 11 tribal judicial systems is different, he and Judge Rockman cited specific examples of how two tribal courts may reach a different decision when presented with the same set of facts. Clerks attending the sessions earned a Certificate of Achievement recognizing their efforts.

Held on October 7, Law Day topics included Burden of Proof, Waivable Defenses, Dismissals With or Without Prejudice and Pre-Judgment Motions. As in past years, Law Day was designed as a continuing legal education program for legal practitioners and a community education event for tribal members. The three-days of activities concluded with the Wisconsin Tribal Judges Association meeting on October 8.

As noted earlier, Wisconsin's 11 tribes all have some unique law enforcement and judicial issues. Although all 11 tribes have a judicial branch, whose source of power is generally a tribal ordinance, the result of a General Council action or was



Front Row (L-R): Stockbridge-Munsee Associate Judge David Raasch, Oneida Appeals Commissioner Linda Dallas, St. Croix Chippewa Associate Judge Crystal LaPointe, Oneida Appeals Commissioner Mary Adams, Stockbridge-Munsee Associate Judge, Forest County Potawatomi Associate Judge Jeryl Perenich (WTJA Secretary/Treasurer), Oneida Appeals Commissioner Janice McLester, Sokaogon Chippewa Associate Judge Debra Van Zile (seated), Oneida Appeals Chief Judicial Officer Winnifred Thomas, Oneida Appeals Commissioner Jean Webster, Menominee Chief Justice Stephan Grochowski (WTJA Executive Board Member).
Back Row (L-R): Ho-Chunk Nation Chief Judge Todd R. Matha (WTJA Vice-President), Forest County Potawatomi Chief Judge Eugene White-Fish, Lac du Flambeau Chippewa Chief Judge Gary Smith, Lac Courte Oreilles Chippewa Chief Judge James Mohr, Oneida Appeals Commissioner Stanley Webster, Nebraska Winnebago Associate Justice James Botsford, University of Wisconsin-Madison Professor Larry Nesper, Oneida Appeals Commissioner Leland Wigg-Ninham (WTJA President).

written into a tribal government's Constitution, the judiciary branches have a different status in some tribal governments. For example, the Oneida Nation has an appeal system, not a court system and the Lac du Flambeau Court, though created by the tribe's Constitution, is not a tribal service. Judicial systems are funded by a number of sources, including the U.S. Bureau of Indian Affairs, the Great Lakes Indian Fish and

Wildlife Commission, tribal funds, the U.S. Bureau of Justice Assistance-Office of Judicial Programs and other discretionary federal grants.

With the exception of the Forest County Potawatomi and Mole Lake Band of Chippewa all Wisconsin tribal governments, including the Ho-Chunk Nation, have or will have law enforcement agencies that will allow their courts to have criminal jurisdiction over tribal members

on tribal lands. The Menominee Tribal Court has general jurisdiction over both criminal and civil matters and with an exception made for major crimes is most like a Wisconsin Circuit Court.

Typically tribal courts decide matters relating to child welfare, conservation violations, domestic abuse, small claims, tribal ordinances, natural resources, domestic disputes, traffic violations and tribal employment issues.

Youth Services Collaboration Committee meet again

Tracy Pecore
Newsletter Editor

According to the Ho-Chunk Nation By-laws, the Ho-Chunk Nation Youth Services Collaboration Committee was designed to represent the best interest and desires of the Ho-Chunk Nation Youth through active regular communication; to express their needs, their concerns, and their ideas. The YSCC was organized in 1996 in an effort to bring about a higher level of coordination among the programs of the Nation for their youth.

Membership for the YSCC are composed of designated representatives from the following areas: AODA, Child and Family Services, Community Health, Diabetes Prevention, Domestic Abuse, Education, Health, Heritage Preservation, Higher Education, Ho-Chunk Housing, Ho-Chunk Youth Fitness, Housing and Community Development, Labor, Language, Legislature, Nutrition, President's Office, Social Services, Youth Councils, and Youth Services.

By 1999, all those departments willing to be on the YSCC committee drew up a strategic plan for the youth and since then, present committee members continue to focus, revise and refresh a new strategic plan for the Ho-Chunk Nation Youth, in collaboration with the Executive Branch, the Legislative Branch, and the Judicial Branch. "YSCC is comprised of all of the programs in the Nation that want to be involved and collaborate with each other for the betterment of the youth. The youth are allowed to become officers of this committee as they have the largest say in what should

happen. "We do value their input," said Lanette Walker, newly re-elected YSCC Chair.

During a brainstorming session a number of years ago, some of the same critical issues of concern facing the Nation's youth today were addressed, with positive role models ranking the highest. Other concerns involved alcohol, parent involvement, consistent rules, education and grades, recreational opportunities, transportation, language, domestic violence, support staff, spirituality, culture, lack of respect, attitude, and respect, along with several other issues.

The Purpose of the Youth Strategic Plan is the creation of a vision for the future, and today's youth are the Ho-Chunk Nation's future leaders. Looking ahead to the year 2020, the Vision statement for our Ho-Chunk youth states: The Ho-Chunk youth of today will be physically and spiritually strong, while being active leaders in their families, communities, and Nation. This strength and leadership will be nurtured through holistic and culturally appropriate Tribal programming, combined with a Tribal-wide movement towards education, mentoring, and community involvement. The Ho-Chunk Youth of today will be the positive role models of the youth of tomorrow, passing on traditions of respect, responsibility, honesty, and cultural awareness.

Although it is not quite 2020, positive change has occurred but keep in mind change cannot happen overnight and it does take time. Since 1999, an annual calendar of events was compiled to assist Tribal entities in planning for youth activities



Youth Services Collaboration Committee gathered together and discussed various topics from an all area Halloween party to the next Youth General Council meeting to be held on October 28

ties that would help focus on the critical issues of concern facing our youth.

On October 8, at the youth services facility in Nekoosa, sixteen individuals from the Youth Services Collaboration Committee met and discussed various items from the program to which they belong. One item discussed was an all area Halloween Party that is usually sponsored through the Family Services Grant. The next Youth General Council to be held on October 28 was also discussed, along with an update for the 2011 Indigenous Games.

The YSCC usually meets once a month with an average attendance between 5 and 10

individuals. "We once had a meeting with 25 people because that was just before the Game of Life. Which by the way this past Game of Life event was an effort by YSCC with the Family Services Grant taking the lead," said Lanette Walker.

New officers were also elected with Lanette Walker being nominated as YSCC Chair for a second time. Other officers included Penny Ybarra as the new Vice Chair and Katie Funmaker as Secretary.

While there are many areas of concern affecting our youth, the annual calendar of events is only a stepping stone to help get to the vision of

2020. At each bi-monthly YSCC meeting, the implementation schedule will be reviewed and updated and is used primarily as a measuring tool to help determine if the mission and goals stated within the Youth Strategic Plan are being attained, with the goal to work collaboratively with all tribal youth departments and organizations to plan and implement programs for the youth. Therefore, it is fitting that the YSCC recognized the importance of bringing together all of the different youth-specific initiatives, ideas, projects, and proposals into a single, coordinated effort.

Wisconsin awarded \$4.7 million for teen healthy behavior programs

Teen pregnancy prevention, health and family communication emphasized

Submitted by
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State of Wisconsin
Department of Health
Services

Wisconsin will receive \$4.7 million over five years to prevent unintended teen pregnancy along with reduce the youth cases of STD and HIV/AIDS according to the Wisconsin Department of Health Services (DHS). Grant-funded programs will also help young people improve communication with

parents, maintain healthy relationships and understand basic financial topics.

"These cost-effective programs help young people see that they have positive options and give them tools to stay healthy, prevent early parenthood and work with their parents to achieve their goals," said Karen Timberlake, DHS Secretary. "For each child making a healthier choice for themselves, we also realize cost savings in Wisconsin's Medicaid pro-

gram and other programs as well."

The grant funding comes from the Personal Responsibility Education Program (PREP) which is a component of the Affordable Care Act (ACA). The grant will support programs targeted at youth ages 10 to 19, especially at-risk youth who are homeless, in foster care, live in areas with high teen birth rates or are living with HIV/AIDS. Programs will also be required to reach out to African

American, Hispanic and Native American youth.

"Reducing teen pregnancy and STD rates are high priority goals in our Healthiest Wisconsin 2020 plan. By helping more at-risk kids understand the consequences of unintended pregnancies and infection, these additional federal resources will move us closer to our goal of improved health for our state's young people," said Timberlake.

The Department of Health

Services (DHS) will partner with the departments of Children and Families (DCF) and Public Instruction (DPI) to plan and manage the grant. Funding will be awarded through a request for application process to local, community-based organizations, public health and human services agencies, local school districts and others.

Wisconsin has received several grants through the ACA, which will improve health care in the state.

Ho-Chunk Gaming - Wisconsin Dells supports Greyhound Pets of America Meet and Greet

Submitted by
Missy Tracy, Senior Manager Public Relations
- Ho-Chunk Gaming WI Dells

Ho-Chunk Gaming Wisconsin Dells welcomed back the Greyhound Pets of America - Wisconsin (GPA-WI) for another "Meet and Greet" on Saturday, October 9, 2010. Nine months to the day since their last visit, Ho-Chunk Gaming Wisconsin Dells has once again opened their doors to retired greyhound racers to help promote the non-profit, volun-

teer group, GPA - WI, with their mission to find loving homes for these beautiful animals. This organization became of interest to Ho-Chunk's Off Track Betting area (for dogs, thoroughbreds and harness racing) due to the closure of the last dog track in Wisconsin earlier this year.

"With October being National 'Adopt a Dog' month we wanted to host another Meet and Greet," Missy Tracy, Ho-Chunk's Public Relations Senior Manager conveyed. "During their last visit it was hard not to become smitten with these adorable creatures as they had so much personality that we have invited them back." Greyhounds are a low maintenance, gentle breed and they sleep anywhere from 16-18 hours a day, with an easy going temperament. They also feel very soft to the touch and do not smell as they do not have an undercoat.

This non-profit, volunteer group, made up of eight greyhound owners brought these retired racers to Ho-Chunk to help promote National "Adopt a Dog" month. Ho-Chunk's goal in assisting these owners and greyhounds continues to be able to provide a public venue in a high traffic area for people to stop in to see the breed to consider adoption or to just make a donation to GPA-WI. The first event held this year raised a total of \$214.00 and a Ho-Chunk employee even adopted one of these dogs. The latest effort collected a total of \$127.00 in donations.

"We have become buddies with these animals, including their owners and plan on continuing to host semi-annual meet and greets," Missy Tracy expressed. "The entire group from the GPA-WI is a



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most pleasant group and it is a pleasure to work with them by helping to assist with their efforts."

"We are looking forward to be able to work with the Greyhound Pets of America again to assist them with their adoption efforts as well as assist with the veterinarian costs incurred for the care of these unique dogs," Lisa Topping, Race book Manager at Ho-Chunk expressed. "We hope folks see for themselves how sweet this breed is. The racers revel in all of the attention and we're sure people love feeling their softness."

For questions about greyhound adoption or their foster programs go to their website at www.gpawisconsin.org or call 414-299-9473. Donations may be sent to Greyhound Pets of America - WI at P. O. Box 2115, Madison, WI 53701-2115.

Wisconsin Dells roof repair utilizes state of the art technology

Submitted by
Missy Tracy, Senior Manager Public Relations
- Ho-Chunk Gaming WI Dells

Thermal imaging technology is typically associated with heat seeking missiles on F-22s or NASA scientists crowded around a monitor viewing "thermal images" of Mars. That's all changing in Wisconsin Dells because that same technology is now being used to fix the leaking roof at Ho-Chunk Gaming Wisconsin Dells' casino.

Two roofing engineers were called in to perform an at a glance roof inspection. One of the engineers, a roof imaging expert, conducted a thermal roof scan on October 14, 2010. Thermal image cameras were utilized to determine exact locations of water infiltration. Upon the initial assessment, "The main issues for the problems are flashing (where material meets bends with a concave curve in portions of the roof) related with a small amount of blister concerns that may cause water draining issues," Jones Funmaker, Ho-Chunk Gaming Wisconsin Dells Executive Manager explained.

As cited in a case study for pinpointing roof leaks in a

non-destructive process by Lexington Infrared, this analysis is performed with a more precise, less invasive procedure. Infrared roof inspections work on the principal that different materials in the roof have different thermal mass. This identifies water penetration at the top layer and is able to follow its path into the building. Measurements, observations, digital photographs, thermographs, deficient areas and recommendations are all a part of the inspection process.

A majority of commercial roofs are expected to have a 20 year life before requiring major repairs. The estimated age of the various roof sections at Ho-Chunk are the bingo hall 26 years, Phase I of the casino 16 years and the Phase II expansion to include, the casino, hotel and convention center 11 years. Four years ago major repair work was done on Phase I of Ho-Chunk's facility. Further preventive maintenance of the roof has been held off as long possible until the budget would allow for additional major repairs. "The roof has deteriorated faster than was initially antici-

Ho-Chunk Gaming - Madison donates to Monona Police Department

Submitted by
Dave Abangan, Director of Marketing - Ho-Chunk Gaming Madison

The Monona Police Department's new K-9 unit got a big helping hand recently from Ho-Chunk Gaming - Madison, in the form of a \$5,000 donation.

The donation brings the department one step closer to putting their new dog, Miya, out on patrol. "They put us over our goal," said Monona Police Department Sgt. Ryan Losby. "We were at an absolute wall for donations."

Miya, a 1-year-old Black Labrador mix, is being trained for narcotics searches and tracking of suspects and is not trained to bite. Sgt. Losby said that Miya will also be an important asset to the department as a public relations specialist. Miya looked ready to excel in that field, as she won over a large crowd of Ho-

Chunk Gaming - Madison employees during her visit to the facility with her calm and friendly demeanor.

"A lot of our guests come from the city of Monona and we are happy to support the community," said Carole Laustrup, Executive Manager.

"We wanted to contribute to the safety of the community and we thought helping Miya join the law enforcement team was a great way to go."

Miya is expected to join the department sometime in October once her training is complete.



pated due to extreme weather conditions over several years," Funmaker stated. "However, the warranty for Phase II is currently being researched to see if the materials of the roof are still covered."

At the time of the writing of this article results were not available. This report will outline whether or not the roof needs to be replaced and

will show specific problematic areas in need of repair. Therefore, an estimated time frame for repairs has not yet been determined. The Department of Business has directed that this project be priority number one. Once problem areas of the roof have been identified and the best course of action determined, Ho-Chunk will send the project out for three bids

and expedite the repairs.

Ho-Chunk is able to save thousands of dollars by having the damaged spots repaired and avoid unnecessary repairs. Another winner for Ho-Chunk by utilizing this new technology as infrared inspection allows the roof life to be extended by being able to actually see problems and prevent damage to the structural components of the roof.

HO-CHUNK NATION LEGISLATURE REGULAR MEETING TRIBAL OFFICE BUILDING - BLACK RIVER FALLS, WI September 7, 2010

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order at 10:11 a.m. by President Wilfrid Cleveland.

ROLL CALL:

President Wilfrid Cleveland(P)
Vice President Daniel Brown(EX)
Rep. Greg Blackdeer(P)
Rep. Doug Greengrass(EX)
Rep. Clarence Pettibone (P)
Rep. Roberta Decorah (P)
Rep. James Greendeer(EX)
Rep. John Holst (P)
Rep. Hope Smith(P)
Rep. Lawrence Walker, Jr (P)
Rep. Greg Littlejohn(P)
Rep. Kathy Lone Tree-Whiterabbit(EX)
Rep. Patrick RedEagle(EX)
Rep. Robert Two Bears (P)

DETERMINATION OF QUORUM:

Quorum was established
OPENING PRAYER: Rep. Hope B. Smith offered the opening prayer.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

MOTION by Rep. Clarence Pettibone to approve the agenda. Second by Rep. Lawrence Walker, Jr. 8-0-0 **Motion Carried.**

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES:

Legislative Meeting ~ August 17, 2010

MOTION by Rep. Lawrence Walker, Jr. to approve the Legislative meeting minutes of August 17, 2010 with corrections. Second by Rep. Robert Two Bears. 8-0-0 **Motion Carried.**

Special Legislative Meeting ~ August 24, 2010

MOTION by Rep. Lawrence Walker, Jr. to approve the Special Legislative meeting minutes of August 24, 2010 as presented. Second by Rep. Greg Littlejohn. 7-0-1(Rep. Decorah) **Motion Carried.**

Special Legislative Meeting ~ August 31, 2010

MOTION by Rep. Greg Littlejohn to approve the Special Legislative meeting minutes of August 31, 2010 as presented. Second by Rep. John Holst. 7-0-1(Rep. Smith) **Motion Carried.**

Corrected Legislative Meeting Minutes ~ June 29, 2010

MOTION by Rep. Greg Littlejohn to approve the corrected Legislative meeting minutes of June 29, 2010. Second by Rep. Clarence Pettibone. 8-0-0 **Motion Carried.**

SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

Development Committee Meeting ~ August 19, 2010

MOTION by Rep. Roberta Decorah to approve the Development Committee meeting minutes of August 19, 2010 as presented. Second by Rep. Hope Smith. 7-1(Rep. Two Bears)-0 **Motion Carried.**

Finance Committee Meeting ~ August 26, 2010

MOTION by Rep. Robert TwoBears to approve the Finance Committee meeting minutes of August 26, 2010 with corrections. Second by Rep. Hope Smith. 6-0-2(Rep. Decorah, Rep. Pettibone) **Motion Carried.**

Advantage Mobility & Services, LLC **MOTION** by Rep. Lawrence Walker, Jr. to table to Advantage Mobility & Services, LLC concern for further information. Second by Rep. Clarence Pettibone. 7-1(Rep. Two Bears)-0 **Motion Carried.**

Adoption of Resolution Ho-Chunk Nation Legislature Authorizing Closing of All Nations Business Loan Fund Account at Jackson County Bank, Payroll USDA Loan Balance and Transfer Balance to First Nations Community Financial **MOTION** by Rep. Clarence Pettibone to adopt **Ho-Chunk Nation Legislative Resolution 9-07-10A ~ Ho-Chunk Nation Legislature Authorizing Closing of All Nations Business Loan Fund Account at Jackson County Bank, Payroll, USDA Loan Balance and Transfer Balance to First Nations Community Financial**. Second by Rep. Lawrence Walker, Jr. 8-0-0 **Motion Carried.**

Rep. Decorah leaves the room at 11:09 a.m.

Special Finance Committee ~ August 31, 2010

MOTION by Rep. Pettibone to approve the August 31, 2010 Special Finance Committee meeting minutes as presented. Second by Rep. Greg Littlejohn. 7-0-0 **Motion Carried.** (Rep. Decorah was out of the room.)

Budget Modification ~ Religious Site Work

MOTION by Rep. Greg Blackdeer to approve the Budget Modification ~ Religious Site Work. 1900-09.07.2010. In the amount of \$25,000.00. Second by Rep. John Holst. 6-0-1(Rep. Pettibone) **Motion Carried.** (Rep. Decorah was out of the room.)

Rep. Decorah returns at 11:12 a.m. Rep. Pettibone leaves the room at 11:12 a.m.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Wosga Leave Policy Update

MOTION by Rep. Greg Littlejohn to table the Wosga Leave Policy. Second by Rep. Robert Two Bears. 7-0-0 **Motion Carried.**

De Joje Gaming Poker Capital Budget

MOTION by Rep. John Holst to table the De Joje Gaming Poker Capital Budget until after lunch. Second by Rep. Greg Littlejohn. 7-0-0 **Motion Carried.**

NEW BUSINESS:

Adoption of Resolution Ho-Chunk Nation Legislature ~ Granting a Suitability Waiver WV10-004

MOTION by Rep. John Holst to adopt **Ho-Chunk Nation Legislative Resolution 9-07-10B ~ Ho-Chunk Nation Legislature Granting a Suitability Waiver WV10-004**. Second by Rep. Greg Littlejohn. 4-2(Rep. Two Bears, Rep. Smith) ~ 1(Rep. Blackdeer) **Motion Carried.**

Wisconsin Judiciary ~ James Botsford

MOTION by Rep. Greg Littlejohn to adopt **Ho-Chunk Nation Legislative Resolution 9-07-10 C ~ Wisconsin Judiciary, Inc.** Second by Rep. Lawrence Walker, Jr. 7-0-0 **Motion Carried.**

RECESS

MOTION by Rep. Robert Two Bears to recess for lunch. Second by Rep. Lawrence Walker, Jr. 7-0-0 **Motion Carried. The meeting recesses at 11:57 a.m.**

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called back to order at 1:10 p.m. by President Wilfrid Cleveland.

ROLL CALL:

President Wilfrid Cleveland(P)
Vice President Daniel Brown(EX)
Rep. Greg Blackdeer(P)
Rep. Doug Greengrass(EX)
Rep. Clarence Pettibone (1:14 pm)
Rep. Roberta Decorah(P)
Rep. James Greendeer(EX)
Rep. John Holst (P)
Rep. Hope Smith(P)
Rep. Lawrence Walker, Jr (P)
Rep. Greg Littlejohn(P)
Rep. Kathy Lone Tree-Whiterabbit(EX)
Rep. Patrick RedEagle(EX)
Rep. Robert Two Bears (P)

DETERMINATION OF QUORUM:

Quorum was established

De Joje Poker Gaming Capital Budget

MOTION by Rep. John Holst to approve the De Joje Poker Gaming Capital Budget in the amount of \$176,720.00. Second by Rep. Greg Littlejohn. 6-0-1(Rep. Decorah) **Motion Carried.**

Rep. Pettibone arrives at 1:14 p.m.

Institutional Review Board (IRB) Concern

MOTION by Rep. Clarence Pettibone to deny the Institutional Review Board (IRB) request for DNA samples from the Enrollment Department. Second by Rep. Lawrence Walker, Jr. 8-0-0 **Motion Carried.**

Chicago Foundation for Women Sponsorship

MOTION by Rep. Greg Littlejohn to approve \$2,500 sponsorship for the Chicago Foundation for Women 25th Anniversary Luncheon Event, in Chicago, IL on September 30, 2010 from the Charitable Contributions Line Item. Second by Rep. Lawrence Walker, Jr. 8-0-0 **Motion Carried.**

District 1: The following request was submitted from the Elder Insurance program:

MOTION by Rep. Clarence Pettibone to approve District 1 Elite Elder's two month stay at Country Terrace Assisted Living Center after all other resources have been exhausted and to pay out of contract. Second by Rep. Greg Littlejohn. 6-0-2(Reps. Blackdeer, Rep. Two Bears) **Motion Carried.**

District 2: No Requests were Submitted

District 3: MOTION by Rep. Hope Smith to refer the District 3 Wisconsin Rapids meeting minute motion wording to include any Ho-Chunk participants in the draft Wosga Leave Policy for the proposed modifications to the Native American Church (NAC) "The customary time for NAC ceremonies is as follows" Section A-E. to the Legislative Counsel's Office. Second by Rep. Lawrence Walker, Jr. 8-0-0 **Motion Carried.**

MOTION by Rep. Hope Smith to refer the District 3 Wisconsin Rapids meeting minute motion to change the HHCA By-laws that each community; not districts have a HHCA Representative to the Development Committee. Second by Rep. Robert TwoBears. 8-0-0 **Motion Carried.**

MOTION by Rep. Hope Smith to refer the District 3 Wisconsin Rapids meeting minute motion that the Constitutional Reform Task Force budget be referred to Finance Committee for consideration. Second by Rep. Lawrence Walker, Jr. 8-0-0 **Motion Carried.**

MOTION by Rep. Hope Smith to refer the District 3 Wisconsin Rapids meet-

ing minute motion to the Office of the President to investigate why Housing hasn't acted on Bradley Smith's housing situation. Second by Rep. Lawrence Walker, Jr. 8-0-0 **Motion Carried.**

MOTION by Rep. Hope Smith to refer the District 3 Wisconsin Rapids meeting minute motion to refer the Elder Furniture issue in the amount of \$12,000/elder to the Finance Committee. Second by Rep. Lawrence Walker, Jr. 8-0-0 **Motion Carried.**

MOTION by Rep. Hope Smith to refer the District 3 Wisconsin Rapids meeting minute motion to request that Greg Garvin, Executive Director of Business attend the next Wisconsin Rapids area meeting to address issues regarding Rainbow Casino to the Office of the President. Second by Rep. Robert TwoBears. 8-0-0 **Motion Carried.**

MOTION by Rep. Hope Smith to refer the District 3 Wisconsin Rapids meeting motion to request that Tracy Thundercloud attend the next Wisconsin Rapids area meeting to discuss Ho-Chunk preference to the Office of the President. Second by Rep. Lawrence Walker, Jr. 8-0-0 **Motion Carried.**

MOTION by Rep. Hope Smith to refer the District 3 Wisconsin Rapids meeting motion to conduct a nationwide investigation regarding Ho-Chunk preference to the Office of the President. Second by Rep. Lawrence Walker, Jr. 8-0-0 **Motion Carried.**

MOTION by Rep. Hope Smith to refer the District 3 Wisconsin Rapids meeting motion to refer to Finance Committee, See Eagleman's electric bill in the amount of \$2,565.19 to the Finance Committee. Second by Rep. Robert TwoBears. 7-0-1(Rep. Walker, Jr.) **Motion Carried.**

District 4: No Requests were submitted

District 5: No Requests were submitted

CONFERENCE APPROVALS

MOTION by Rep. Lawrence Walker, Jr. to approve any Legislator to attend the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service meeting on September 28, 29, & 30, 2010. Second by Rep. Robert TwoBears. 8-0-0 **Motion Carried.**

Executive Session

MOTION by Rep. Lawrence Walker, Jr. to go into Executive Session. Second by Rep. Robert TwoBears. 8-0-0 **Motion Carried. The meeting goes into Executive Session at 2:31 p.m.**

Open Session

MOTION by Rep. John Holst to return to Open Session. Second by Rep. Greg Littlejohn. 8-0-0 **Motion Carried. The meeting returns to Open Session at 6:20 p.m.**

Ratification of Executive Session

MOTION by Rep. John Holst to ratify all actions taken in Executive Session. Second by Rep. Robert Two Bears. 7-0-1(Rep. Robert Two Bears) **Motion Carried.**

Adoption of Ho-Chunk Nation Legislature General Council Agency Limited Contract Signature

MOTION by Rep. Clarence Pettibone to adopt **Ho-Chunk Nation Legislative Resolution 9-07-10 D General Council Agency Limited Contract Signature** with changes. Second by Rep. John Holst. 7-0-1(Rep. Lawrence Walker, Jr.) **Motion Carried.**

Adjournment

MOTION by Rep. Greg Littlejohn to adjourn the meeting until September 21, 2010, the meeting is to be held at the Tribal Office Building in Black River Falls, WI. Second by Rep. Robert TwoBears. 8-0-0 **Motion Carried.**

The meeting adjourned at 6:24 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by,

Hope B. Smith
Tribal Secretary
Darcy Funkmaker
Recording Secretary

HO-CHUNK NATION LEGISLATURE

REGULAR MEETING

TRIBAL OFFICE BUILDING-BLACK RIVER FALLS, WI

SEPTEMBER 21, 2010

ROLL CALL:

President Wilfrid Cleveland(P)
Vice President Daniel Brown(EX)
Rep. Greg Blackdeer(P)
Rep. Doug Greengrass(P)
Rep. Clarence Pettibone(P)
Rep. Roberta Decorah(P)
Rep. James Greendeer(P)
Rep. John Holst(P)
Rep. Hope Smith(EX)
Rep. Lawrence Walker, Jr.(P)
Rep. Greg Littlejohn(EX)
Rep. Kathy Lone Tree-Whiterabbit(P)
Rep. Patrick RedEagle(P)
Rep. Robert TwoBears(P)

DETERMINATION OF QUORUM:

Quorum was established.

OPENING PRAYER:

Rep. Roberta Decorah offered the opening prayer.

APPROVE OF AGENDA:

MOTION by Rep. Greg Blackdeer to approve the agenda with the additions of New Business item 6, U.S. Department of the Interior B.I.A. 2010-11 Realty Leasing Project Resolution, item

7. Veteran's Home Ownership Resolution. Second by Rep. Roberta Decorah. 10-0-0 **Motion Carried.**

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES:

Legislative Meeting ~ September 7, 2010

MOTION by Rep. Lawrence Walker, Jr. to approve the Legislative meeting minutes of September 7, 2010 with corrections. Second by Rep. Robert TwoBears. 7-0-3(Rep. Greengrass, Rep. TwoBears, Rep. Decorah) **Motion Carried.**

SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS:

Administration Committee ~ September 17, 2010

MOTION by Rep. Lawrence Walker, Jr. to approve the Administration Committee meeting minutes of September 17, 2010. Second by Rep. John Holst. 6-0-4(Rep. Blackdeer, Rep. Pettibone, Rep. TwoBears, Rep. Decorah) **Motion Carried.**

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Wosga Leave Policy

Traditional Court members were present to address their opinions and concerns regarding the Wosga Leave.

MOTION by Rep. Doug Greengrass that Legislature and Traditional Court meet to finalize the Wosga Leave Policy. Second by Rep. Robert TwoBears. 10-0-0 **Motion Carried.** The meeting date of October 1, 2010 was agreed upon.

Advantage & Mobility Services

MOTION by Rep. Roberta Decorah to organize a workgroup and create a task force to address the disabled policy. Second by Rep. Doug Greengrass. 10-0-0 **Motion Carried.**

EagleFeather Work Group update~

Rep. Walker, Jr.

On May 20, 2010, tribal leaders, Native religious leaders, and members of tribal organizations and advocacy groups met with federal officials at the Embassy of Tribal Nations in Washington D.C. to discuss concerns surrounding Native American possession of eagle feathers and other parts. The primary focus of the meeting was enforcement of the Bald and Golden Eagle Act through the use of undercover operations and to a lesser extent, distribution of eagle feathers was discussed. Another meeting between the Eagle Feathers Working Group and federal officials has been tentatively scheduled. The Ho-Chunk Nation was proudly represented by President Wilfrid Cleveland, Representatives Lawrence Walker, Jr., and Hope Smith.

Agenda Amendment

MOTION by Rep. Lawrence Walker, Jr. to amend the agenda to add U.S. Department of the Interior B.I.A. 2010-11 Realty Leasing Project Resolution. Second by Rep. Greg Blackdeer. 10-0-0 **Motion Carried.**

Adoption of Ho-Chunk Nation Legislature 9-21-10A ~ Ho-Chunk Nation Legislature U.S. Department of the Interior Bureau of Indian Affairs FY 2010-11 Realty (Leasing) Project

MOTION by Rep. Greg Blackdeer to adopt **Ho-Chunk Nation Legislative Resolution 9-21-10A ~ Ho-Chunk Nation Legislature U.S. Department of the Interior Bureau of Indian Affairs FY 2010-11 Realty (Leasing) Project**. Second by Rep. Lawrence Walker, Jr. 10-0-0 **Motion Carried.**

Ho-Chunk Nation Legislature Police Department Establishment Resolution

MOTION by Rep. Lawrence Walker, Jr. to table the adoption of Ho-Chunk Nation Police Department Establishment Resolution. Second by Rep. Greg Blackdeer. 9-1(Rep. TwoBears)-0 **Motion Carried.**

Election Board By-Laws

MOTION by Rep. Roberta Decorah to table the Election Board By-Laws. Second by Rep. Lawrence Walker, Jr. 9-1(Rep. TwoBears)-0 **Motion Carried.**

District Concerns:

District 1: MOTION by Rep. Greg Blackdeer to refer the District 1 meeting minute motion to increase the starting wage for dishwashers from a Grade Level 3 to Grade Level 5 to the Office of the President. Second by Rep. Clarence Pettibone. 10-0-0 **Motion Carried.**

Rep. Greg Blackdeer read for the record, to have the HCN Legislature disconfirm the Executive Director of Business within 30 days if he does not do anything regarding the

Majestic Pines Casino Personnel.

Rep. Greg Blackdeer read for the record, to have District 1 Legislators bring the complete reconciliations to include original receipts of both Labor Day and Memorial Day pow-wows to the next District meeting.

Rep. Greg Blackdeer read for the record, to see the full reconciliation for Neesh la pow-wow to include the receipts of the next District 1 meeting.

Rep. Greg Blackdeer read for the record, to request the Labor Day pow-wow committee to attend the next District 1 meeting to address issues; not feeding the people, why

the Andrew Blackhawk post was not used, and why the District was not involved with any decisions regarding the pow-wow.

District 2: MOTION by Rep. Roberta Decorah to refer the District 2 ~ La

Crosse meeting minute motion to have Housing remove Citizens Community Federal from the Home Repair Loan terms and conditions to the Office of the President. Second by Rep. John Holst. 10-0-0 **Motion Carried.**

MOTION by Rep. Roberta Decorah to refer the District 2 ~ Tomah meeting minute motion to request First Nations Community Financial to attend the next area meeting to the Office of the President. Second by Rep. John Holst. 10-0-0 **Motion Carried.**

MOTION by Rep. James Greendeer to refer the District 2 ~ Tomah meeting minute motion to not pay the \$100 to Tribal members attending and to strike this from the General Council budget to the Finance committee. Second by Rep. John Holst. 10-0-0 **Motion Carried.**

Rep. Greengrass left the room at 12:05 p.m.

MOTION by Rep. James Greendeer to refer the District 2 ~ Tomah meeting minute motion to have General Council Agency pay \$100 at registration when tribal members walk into the doors to the rest of the districts. Second by Rep. John Holst. 9-0-0 **Motion Carried.** (Rep. Greengrass was out of the room.)

Rep. James Greendeer read for the record, to nominate Tara Swallow to represent District 2 on the General Council Agency.

Rep. James Greendeer read for the record, to nominate Winona Mann as the alternate representative for District 2 on the General Council Agency.

MOTION by Rep. James Greendeer to refer the District 2 ~ Tomah meeting minute motion to request 200 bingo packets for the Community Fundraising for the Tomah area to the Finance committee. Second by Rep. John Holst. 8-0-1(Rep. Pettibone) **Motion Carried.** (Rep. Greengrass was out of the room.)

Recess for Lunch

MOTION by Rep. Greg Blackdeer to recess. Second by Rep. Roberta Decorah. 9-0-0 **Motion Carried. The meeting recesses for lunch at 12:16 p.m.**

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called back to order by President Wilfrid Cleveland at 1:28 p.m.

ROLL CALL:

President Wilfrid Cleveland(P)
Vice President Daniel Brown(EX)
Rep. Greg Blackdeer(P)
Rep. Doug Greengrass(P)
Rep. Clarence Pettibone(P)
Rep. Roberta Decorah(P)
Rep. James Greendeer(P)
Rep. John Holst(P)
Rep. Hope Smith(EX)
Rep. Lawrence Walker, Jr.(P)
Rep. Greg Littlejohn(EX)
Rep. Kathy Lone Tree-Whiterabbit(P)
Rep. Patrick RedEagle(P)
Rep. Robert TwoBears(P)

DETERMINATION OF QUORUM:

Quorum was established.

District Concerns:

District 2: MOTION by Rep. John Holst to refer the District 2 ~ Madison meeting minute motion to pursue Ho-Chunk Gaming Madison expansion to the Office of the President. Second by Rep. Lawrence Walker, Jr. 8-0-1(Rep. Decorah) **Motion Carried.**

District 3: MOTION by Rep. Lawrence Walker, Jr. to refer the District 3 ~ Wittenberg meeting minute motion to request funding from tribal Law Enforcement Grant for a sidewalk along Wittenberg Rd. for safety to the Office of the President. Second by Rep. John Holst. 9-0-0 **Motion Carried.**

Rep. Greg Blackdeer arrives at 1:31 p.m.

MOTION by Rep. Lawrence Walker, Jr. to refer the District 3 ~ Wittenberg meeting minute motion to have a playground between the Martin Luther King Jr. residence and trailer court to Ho-Chunk Housing Community Development Agency. Second by Rep. Robert TwoBears. 10-0-0 **Motion Carried.**

Rep. Lawrence Walker, Jr., read for the record, to have GCA put forth a Resolution to amend GCA by-laws so Chairperson's alternate may vote for community.

Rep. Lawrence Walker, Jr., read for the record, to have GCA put forth a Resolution to amend GCA by-laws so terms of community reps. are staggered at 4 years.

MOTION by Rep. Lawrence Walker, Jr. to refer the District 3 ~ Wittenberg meeting minute motion to request \$5,000 to the Wittenberg Booster Club on behalf of the Ho-Chunk Youth to the Finance committee. Second by Rep. Doug Greengrass. 10-0-0 **Motion Carried.**

MOTION by Rep. Lawrence Walker, Jr., to refer the District 3 ~

land of Dan Wandler at Sand Hill west of Hemlock creek as soon as possible to the Office of the President. Second by Rep. Patrick RedEagle. 10-0-0 **Motion Carried.**

MOTION by Rep. Lawrence Walker, Jr., to refer the District 3 – Wisconsin Rapids meeting minute motion that HOP send out an annual letter to applicants and post in the Worak to HOP applicants to remind them to update their status to the Office of the President. Second by Rep. John Holst. 10-0-0 **Motion Carried.**

MOTION by Rep. Lawrence Walker, Jr., to refer the District 3 – Wisconsin Rapids meeting minute motion that according to the Ho-Chunk Nation Constitution–Article V Section 8. Meetings – *The Legislature shall hold regular monthly meetings. The Legislature may hold special meetings as necessary. Members of the Legislature shall hold and attend regularly scheduled meetings in their respective Districts. Failure to attend such monthly or District meetings on a regular basis may constitute grounds for removal or recall. The Legislature shall not schedule a special meeting at the same time as a regularly scheduled District meeting.* Due to V.P. Brown's absences of area meetings that the Legislature exercise their power and remove V.P. Brown according to the Ho-Chunk Nation Constitution ~Article IX-Removal, Recall and Vacancies Section 3. Legislative Removal of Legislators. *The Legislature may remove a member of the Legislature for good cause. Any member of the Legislature subject to removal shall be informed of the charges, be given adequate notice of the impending removal action, and given an opportunity to prepare and present a defense including presenting witnesses and other evidence. An affirmative vote of three-fourths (3/4) of the entire Legislature shall be required for all Legislative removal under this Section. The Legislators subject to removal shall not vote to the Legislative Counsel's Office for immediate action.* Second by Rep. John Holst. 10-0-0 **Motion Carried.**

MOTION by Rep. Lawrence Walker, Jr., to refer the District 3 – Wisconsin Rapids meeting minute motion that Legislature investigate the ongoing problems with Forest Fumaker with the handling of contracts in the Education Department to the Office of the President. Second by Rep. John Holst. 10-0-0 **Motion Carried.**

MOTION by Rep. Lawrence Walker, Jr., to refer the District 3 – Wisconsin Rapids meeting minute motion that President Wilfrid Cleveland reconsider the nomination of Forrest Fumaker and conduct an investigation of the Education Department to the Office of the President. Second by Rep. James Greendeer. 10-0-0 **Motion Carried.**

MOTION by Rep. Lawrence Walker, Jr., to refer the District 3 – Wisconsin Rapids meeting minute motion that the non Ho-Chunk Treasurer quit making changes to the Loan Policy and to stop dictating our money and for her to quit acting *Maix te* to the Office of the President. Second by Rep. John Holst. 10-0-0 **Motion Carried.**

MOTION by Rep. Lawrence Walker, Jr., to refer the District 3 – Wisconsin Rapids meeting minute motion to have a second driver/bus monitor for Wisconsin Rapids Area Head Start to the Office of the President. Second by Rep. John Holst. 9-0-1(Rep. Blackdeer) **Motion Carried.**

MOTION by Rep. Lawrence Walker, Jr., to refer the District 3 – Wisconsin Rapids meeting minute motion that pursuant to President Cleveland's proclamation regarding Ho-Chunk language, that Ho-Chunk language be taught in the headstarts to the Office of the President. Second by Rep. John Holst. 10-0-0 **Motion Carried.**

MOTION by Rep. Lawrence Walker, Jr., to refer the District 3 – Wisconsin Rapids meeting minute motion to approve \$2,500 for each area from the Youth Assistance line item for Halloween Parties to the Finance committee. Second by Rep. John Holst. 10-0-0 **Motion Carried.**

MOTION by Rep. Lawrence Walker, Jr., to refer the District 3 – Indian Heights meeting minute motion to have JOM/Pre K-12 office expedite end of year incentive request for the last school year to the Office of the President. Second by Rep. John Holst. 10-0-0 **Motion Carried.**

MOTION by Rep. Lawrence Walker, Jr., to refer the District 3 – Indian Heights meeting minute motion to request Mark Butterfield attend the October 12, 2010 Indian Heights Area Meeting to explain the HHCD. Second by Rep. Robert TwoBears. 10-0-0 **Motion Carried.**

MOTION by Rep. Lawrence Walker, Jr., to refer the District 3 – Indian Heights meeting minute motion to request suspension of appointment for Tara Swallow to the GCA until the outcome of investigation is determined. **Motion dies for lack of second.**

MOTION by Rep. Lawrence Walker, Jr., to refer the District 3 – Indian

SUMMONS (First Publication) IN THE HO-CHUNK NATION TRIAL COURT

State of WI., Petitioner, v. Cynthia R. Hopinka, Respondent.
Case : 10-49

TO THE ABOVE-NAMED RESPONDENT: Cynthia R. Hopinka

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SUMMONS (First Publication) IN THE HO-CHUNK NATION TRIAL COURT

Quick Cash Loans, Petitioner, v. Heather Green, Respondent.
Case : CG10-100

TO THE ABOVE-NAMED RESPONDENT: Heather Green

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SUMMONS (First Publication) IN THE HO-CHUNK NATION TRIAL COURT

Black River Self Storage, Petitioner, v. LuAnn Littlegeorge, Respondent.
Case : CG10-91

TO THE ABOVE-NAMED RESPONDENT: LuAnn Littlegeorge

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Heights meeting minute motion to have elders that received first furniture allowance be allowed the difference to bring them up \$12,000 to the Finance Committee. Second by Rep. John Holst. 10-0-0 **Motion Carried.**

District 4: **MOTION** by Rep. John Holst to refer the District 4 meeting minute motion to stop Tara Swallow from becoming a General Council delegate for Tomah until investigation is resolved and make her accountable of monies taken by her to the Legislative Counsel's office. Second by Rep. Lawrence Walker, Jr. 10-0-0 **Motion Carried.**

MOTION by Rep. John Holst to refer the District 4 Milwaukee meeting minute motion to have independent audit for the last year of General Council financials of Tara Swallow and Rose Adams to the Finance Committee. **The motion dies for lack of second.**

MOTION by Rep. John Holst to refer the District 4 Milwaukee meeting minute motion to not make any changes to Per Cap loans that we not go with First nations and stay with Jackson County Bank to the Office of the President. Second by Rep. Patrick RedEagle. 10-0-0 **Motion Carried.**

MOTION by Rep. John Holst to refer the District 4 Milwaukee meeting minute motion to investigate Kemper and check into the 401 plan with Kem-

per to the Finance Committee. 9-0-1(Rep. Blackdeer) **Motion Carried.**

MOTION by Rep. John Holst to refer the District 4 Milwaukee meeting minute motion to have Jon Warner take to all areas on Woruk article of August 27, 2010 – "hotel rate stipulations" be heard before changes are made to the Office of the President. **Motion dies for lack of second.**

MOTION by Rep. John Holst to refer the District 4 Milwaukee meeting minute motion that Cara Murphy gets reimbursed by the Ho-Chunk Nation for purchased made of food tickets (\$50.00) at Milwaukee Indian Summer for volunteers for the Ho-Chunk stand to the Office of the President. **Motion dies for lack of second.**

Rep. John Holst read for the record, that we get \$100.00 after the General Council.

Rep. John Holst read for the record, that based on the Constitution we follow the removal of Vice-Chair Presidential Dan Brown as of September 27, 2010.

MOTION by Rep. John Holst that we follow the March 2010 motion to have Cheri Byhre on the Housing Commissioner. Second by Rep. Roberta Decorah. 9-0-1(Rep. TwoBears) **Motion Carried.**

MOTION by Rep. John Holst to have Halloween Parties and ask Legislators for \$1500.00 for all areas to the Finance Committee. Second by Rep.

SUMMONS (First Publication) IN THE HO-CHUNK NATION TRIAL COURT

State of WI and Jennifer L. Mallory, Petitioner, v. Curtis D. Mallory Jr., Respondent.
Case : 10-49

TO THE ABOVE-NAMED RESPONDENT: Curtis D. Mallory Jr.

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SUMMONS (Second Publication) IN THE HO-CHUNK NATION TRIAL COURT

State of WI, Petitioner, v. Jennifer Dominguez, Respondent.
Case : CS 10-46

TO THE ABOVE-NAMED RESPONDENT: Jennifer Dominguez

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SUMMONS (Second Publication) IN THE HO-CHUNK NATION TRIAL COURT

State of WI. Dane Co., Petitioner, v. Skyler J. Shegonee, Respondent.
Case : CS 10-29

TO THE ABOVE-NAMED RESPONDENT: Skyler J. Shegonee

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Lawrence Walker, Jr. 10-0-0 **Motion Carried.**

District 5: No requests were submitted.

Conference Approvals

MOTION by Rep. Lawrence Walker, Jr., to approve any Legislator to attend the National Congress of American Indians Conference in Albuquerque, NM, November 14-19th, 2010. Second by Rep. Roberta Decorah. 9-1(Rep. Blackdeer)-0 **Motion Carried.**

MOTION by Rep. Robert TwoBears to approve any Legislator to attend the Long Term Care in Indian Country Conference in Washington, D.C., November 1-2, 2010. **Motion Carried.**

Hocak Wazijaci Nation Veterans Homeownership Program Resolution

MOTION by Rep. Clarence Pettibone to refer the Hocak Wazijaci Nation Veterans Homeownership Program Resolution to the Development Committee. Second by Rep. Lawrence Walker, Jr. 10-0-0 **Motion Carried.**

Executive Session

MOTION by Rep. Lawrence Walker, Jr. to go into executive session. Second by Rep. Roberta Decorah. 10-0-0 **Motion Carried.**

Rep. Greendeer is excused at 5:34 p.m.

Open Session

MOTION by Rep. Kathy LoneTree-Whiterabbit to return to Open Session. Second by Rep. Lawrence Walker, Jr.

9-0-0 **Motion Carried. The meeting returns to open session at 5:57 p.m.**

Adoption of Executive Session

MOTION by Rep. Kathy LoneTree-Whiterabbit to ratify all action taken in Executive Session. Second by Rep. Robert TwoBears. 8-1(Rep. Greendeer)-0 **Motion Carried.**

Adoption of Ho-Chunk Nation Resolution 9-21-10B – Authorization to Purchase White Crow Village.

MOTION by Rep. Kathy LoneTree-Whiterabbit to adopt *Ho-Chunk Nation Resolution 9-21-10B Authorization to Purchase White Crow Village*. Second by Rep. Robert TwoBears. 9-0-0 **Motion Carried.**

Adjournment

MOTION by Rep. Kathy LoneTree-Whiterabbit to adjourn the meeting until Tuesday, October 5, 2010 the meeting is to be held at the Tribal Office Building in Black River Falls, WI. Second by Rep. Roberta Decorah. 8-1(Rep. Blackdeer)-0 **Motion Carried.**

The meeting adjourned at 6:02 p.m. Respectfully Submitted by,

Hope B. Smith
Tribal Secretary
Darcy Fumaker
Recording Secretary

Division of Veterans Affairs

Veterans Day - Thursday, November 11, 2010

Submitted by
Robert Mann, TVSO

The Ho-Chunk people are well-known for their patriotism despite the fact our relatives had to endure many hardships, by the very government they served. The following is a story about that patriotism and human perseverance.

The American Legion was founded in 1919 by veterans returning from Europe after World War I, and was later chartered under Title 36 of the United States Code. At that time; Native Americans' were not even considered citizens of the United States of America, so the newly formed National American Legion did not allow Native Americans to join their organization. However, after World War II, when Wisconsin Winnebago Warriors returned home, they wanted to join their local American Legion Post. The National American Legion still did not allow them to join. This did not stop them. A group of these veterans got together and decided to form their own organization and called themselves the Wisconsin Winnebago Veterans (W.W.V.). They created their own charter and began a membership drive. There were veterans from World War I and World War II that joined. They did not have much money but many of them were very good athletes, so they formed a baseball team. For a small fee, they would challenge small towns in the area that had baseball teams. They made good money by doing this. Another way to make money was to put on ceremonial shows, by singing and dancing at different events.

They raised enough money to conduct business, acquire uniforms, and colors (flags). Then on May 21, 1949, they held their First Annual State Convention of the Wisconsin Winnebago Veterans held at Tomah, Wisconsin. At 10:00 a.m. on that day they had a public installation of officers of the newly formed organization. Also scheduled on that day was a parade at 1:00 p.m., followed by an all Indian baseball game at 2:15 p.m. In the evening they had an Indian Ceremonial at the Tomah High School Auditorium at 8:15 and 10:00 p.m....

The Wisconsin Winnebago Veterans were being noticed more and more by the general public as a legitimate organization. At one of their meetings; the Wisconsin Winnebago Veterans decided to take this another step further and voted to send a small delegation to Washington D. C. to participate in the Presidential inaugural parade.

Rev. Mitchell Whiterabbit, the only Indian Chaplain in the U.S. Navy during World War II, was assigned the task of

writing a letter to the Republican National Committee. In his letter, dated November 12, 1952, he states: "We believe it would be a great honor for us to give again an expression of our loyalty to our country by participating in this honored traditional event. We, further, believe that we are the only such all-Indian veterans organized group in the United States, having its charter and organization in the State of Wisconsin. We could give much credit to our commonwealth. There would be twelve of us in the delegation. We have uniforms and the necessary equipment to make a colorful unit. As for our expenses for the trip to Washington D. C. we would not impose on anyone or group to help us. We would provide our own transportation, lodging and other necessary expenses for such a venture. All we want is an opportunity to take part in the parade. Will you help us realize this great desire of ours?"

A letter dated January 9, 1953, was sent by James Foley, Inaugural Parade Committee, which states: "You are hereby notified that you have been accepted as a representative of your state for the Inaugural Parade, January 20, 1953. It is necessary that the enclosed questionnaire be filled out and returned as soon as possible. Please contact me upon your arrival in Washington D.C..."

The questionnaire was filled out with the following names.

1. Murray Whiterabbit Ashland, Wis.
2. Mitchell Whiterabbit Black River Falls, Wis.
3. James Smoke Tomah, Wis.
4. Andrew Funmaker Wisconsin Dells, Wis.
5. Ralph Mann Wisconsin Dells, Wis.
6. Myron Funmaker Black River Falls, Wis.
7. Emerson Decorah Wisconsin Dells, Wis.
8. Irvin Blackdeer Wisconsin Dells, Wis.
9. Robert Blackdeer La Crosse, Wis.
10. Bert Funmaker Melrose, Wis.
11. Alvin Blackdeer La Crosse, Wis.
12. Wendland White Eagle Wisconsin Dells, Wis.
13. Henry White Bear Wisconsin Dells, Wis.
14. George Miner Wisconsin Dells, Wis.
15. Marlin Blackdeer La Crosse, Wis.
16. Roger Tallmadge Wisconsin Dells, Wis.

W.V.A. Auxiliary

1. Mrs. Dora Topping Pittsville, Wis.
2. Mrs. Alvina Decorah Tomah, Wis.
3. Mrs. Bernadine Tallmadge Wisconsin Dells, Wis.
4. Mrs. Lena Deer Trempealeau, Wis.

5. Annie Dick

La Crosse, Wis.

Milwaukee Indian leaders, Frank Smart, Chippewa, past president of the Consolidated Tribes of American Indians and Edward LaPlante, Chippewa, of the National Congress of American Indians learned of this venture and decided to organize a pow-wow to raise funds. LaPlante remarked, "I think one of the downtown auditoriums or hotels will give space. I have a night job, so I can get to work early Monday on details. The veterans are really representing all Wisconsin, not only its Indians. I think many people will be glad to pay admission to an Indian show to send our group to Washington."

A pow-wow was held at the Marshall Hotel in downtown Milwaukee and proceeds from the event went to help the Wisconsin Winnebago Veterans with their expenses. Then, on a cold day in January, 1953, sixteen veterans and five auxiliary members left Wisconsin Dells, Wisconsin and traveled to Washington D.C. to participate in Dwight D. Eisenhower's Presidential Inaugural Parade.

The W.W.V. continued to provide organizational functions according to their charter, which included military funerals for fallen Wisconsin Winnebago veterans. One military funeral that brought them even more notoriety was when the remains of Congressional Medal of Honor recipient Cpl. Mitchell Redcloud were returned from Korea. His funeral services was held on March 25, 1955 at two different locations; 1:30 P.M. at the Langlois-Galston Funeral Home and then at 2:30 P.M. at the Evangelical Reformed Church Indian Mission in Black River Falls, Wisconsin. This was such a big event it got state wide media coverage. Some twenty to twenty-five veterans' organizations from around the area participated, but the Wisconsin Winnebago Veterans, who looked very impressive with their uniforms and colors, stole the attention of the media.

Through perseverance and dedication of the Wisconsin Winnebago Veterans Association, they became a legitimate organization that was gaining State and National recognition. Finally, in 1974 the Wisconsin American Legion realized that it had wrongly denied Native Americans from joining the American Legion and changed its policies. Native Americans across the state were asked to join their local American Legion. The Wisconsin Winnebago Veterans decided to retain its own identity, by forming their own post. Andrew Blackhawk, a World War I veteran, donated some land east of Black River Falls, Wisconsin, on which to build a post. In



April 1975 the National American Legion formally recognized the Andrew Blackhawk American Legion Post 129 of Black River Falls, Wisconsin.

Today, the Andrew Blackhawk American Legion Post 129 has its' own Legion building next-door to the Ho-Chunk Nation Tribal Executive Office. The land donated by Andrew Blackhawk is now used for the Memorial Day Pow-wow, Mitchell Redcloud Pow-wow, and the Labor Day Pow-wow. The Ho-Chunk Nation proudly supports two other American Legion Posts; the Joseph White American Legion Post 442 of Wis. Rapids, WI and the Sanford White Eagle American Legion Post 556 of Baraboo, WI.

What our veterans have today; was inspired by the Wisconsin Winnebago Veterans and their Auxiliary. Their definition of patriotism meant looking out for themselves; by looking out for their people and their country. We must all continue on with what they started and never forget what they accomplished through their sacrifices and perseverance. This means working together to support and honor all of our veterans. And be thankful for what we have.

Contributors for this article came from the following sources; the Dwight D. Eisenhower Presidential Library, the Milwaukee Sentinel, the La Crosse Tribune, and from various relatives.

Military Humor

Submitted by
Robert Mann, TVSO

High military ranks

When little Reggie was inducted into the Army, his friends advised him to, "Act tough, because that's the only way to command respect in the Army".

So Reggie did his best to carry out that advice. He swaggered all around camp, bragging, blustering and talking out of the corner of his mouth.

One day Reggie shouted, "Show me a Sergeant and I'll show you a Dope".

No sooner had he spoken than a brawny, battle-hardened Sergeant appeared. "I am a Sergeant!" he belted.

"And I'm a Dope," whispered Reggie.

A young naval student

A young naval student was being put through the paces by an old sea captain.

"What would you do if a sudden storm sprang up on the starboard?"

"Throw out an anchor, sir," the student replied.

"What would you do if another storm sprang up aft?"

"Throw out another anchor, sir."

"And if another terrific storm sprang up forward,

what would you do then?" asked the captain.

"Throw out another anchor, sir."

"Hold on," said the captain. "Where are you getting all those anchors from?"

"From the same place you're getting your storms, sir."

An Indian's signal

An Indian was driving to Camp Pendleton to report for duty. Along the way, somewhere in Nevada his car breaks down. He opens the hood and checks it out and determines that he needs to call a wrecker. But chief only has \$4, no credit card or debit card, and worst of all no cell phone. So he gathers some wood, makes a fire and signals a local tribe with smoke: "Hey, could you please send somebody to my location with \$500!"

A local tribe reads his smoke signal, but to make sure in its meaning, they signal back with smoke: "OK, chief, but why so much?"

At this moment a ground test of nuclear bomb is being held on the test field nearby. A huge mushroom-like cloud of smoke rises into the sky... The tribe signals again with smoke: "Ok, Ok, Ok, chill out, we'll send somebody with \$1,000!"



33rd Annual Veterans Day Pow-wow

*Volk Field-Camp Douglas, WI
Saturday, November 6, 2010*

Sponsored By:
DORA
Descendants of
Red Arrow
& Friends

Honoring Ray Lopez
"County Commander
of the Year"



Program of Events

11:00 a.m. ~ Flag Raising

12:00 p.m. ~ Noon Meal
Provided By DORA

1:00 p.m. ~ Pow-Wow

5:00 p.m. ~ Evening Meal
Provided By DORA

Keynote Speaker
David Kurtz~Adjutant, WI American Legion

Host Drum ~ Thundercloud Singers

Open Drum

Family Veteran Songs

Traditional Giveaways

Fund Raising

Auction
Donated by members of DORA

For More Information; Please Contact: Quentin Thundercloud at (608) 372-9558

Protect Native American Rights VOTE DEMOCRATIC ON TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 2ND

✓ Tribal Sovereignty

- Democrats support tribal sovereignty, our self determination, and respect the government-to-government relationship.

✓ Economic Freedom

- Democrats support our efforts to promote economic development on tribal lands.
- Democrats have been working to grow our economy and create jobs in Wisconsin.

✓ A Better Future

- Democrats support family-supporting wages, affordable health care and quality education.



It's easy to vote in Wisconsin. You can register to vote at the polls on Election Day!

Polls are open from 7:00 am until 8:00 pm. You have the right to vote if you are in line by 8:00 pm.

To register you need:

- 1) A WI driver's license number if you have one. Or the last four digits of your Social Security number if you don't have a WI license; and
- 2) Proof of residence (see below for what qualifies).

Proof of residence must have both your complete name and current Wisconsin address:

- Wisconsin driver's license, state-issued ID card, or Tribal ID card;
- A bank statement or a paycheck;
- A current residential lease;
- A property tax bill from either 2009 or 2010; or
- Any utility bill (online cell-phone bills and cable bills count!) from the past 90 days;
- Any document issued by a unit of government.

**If you don't have proof of address, someone who lives in your city/town/village, knows where you live and is eligible to vote can sign a form confirming your address. If you have a problem at the polls on Election Day, please call 608.698.9205*

YOUR DEMOCRATIC TICKET



TOM BARRETT
For Governor

RUSS FEINGOLD
For US Senate



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For State Senate - District 31

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For Congress



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The Public is Invited to a

Diabetes Fair

**Saturday, November 13, 2010
8:30 to 11:30 a.m.**
Comfort Inn and Suites (formerly Holiday Inn)
Black River Falls

- Free Admission • Door Prizes • Blood Sugar Testing
- Free Refreshments • Diabetes Information and Supplies
- Diabetes Educators in Attendance

SPEAKERS:

8:30 a.m. Registration

9:00 a.m. **"Metabolic Syndrome"**
Kirk Lane, M.D.
Krohn Clinic

9:45 a.m. **"Making Successful Lifestyle Changes"**
Danielle Jacobs, MSW
Krohn Clinic

10:30 a.m. **"Nutrition for Life: The Power of One"**
Angie Kohlwey, RDCD
Black River Memorial Hospital

EXHIBITORS & SPONSORS:

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Jackson County Department of Health & Human Services

Funding made possible through a grant from the Lunda Charitable Trust.

"Skittling"

Skittling is a slang term which refers to the abuse of cough syrup. The term comes from the fact that cough medicine pills are often red or brightly colored and resemble Skittles candy. "Skittling" is taking extremely large doses of cough medicine to get high.

What you need to know, now!

Community Service Event
House of Wellness
THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 4
10 am ~ 12 noon Parents
12 ~ 1 Lunch
1 pm ~ 2:30 pm Parents & Students

Teens who learn a lot about the dangers of drugs from their parents are half as likely to abuse drugs.

For more information contact Katie Funmaker at (715) 284-2622

National Safety Council's Defensive Driving Course

Thursday, October 28, 2010

Offered to all Ho-Chunk Nation Employees
8:00am - 12:00pm

Department of Labor Conference Room
Presented by the Division of Transportation

Please RSVP to the Division of Transportation @ 715-284-9343 Ext 1095
Seating is Limited



NOTICE!! NOTICE!! NOTICE!!

ELECTION BOARD MEETING SATURDAY, OCTOBER 30, 2010

AT 9:00 AM

AT HO-CHUNK CASINO & HOTEL
S3214 HIGHWAY 12 | BARABOO, WI

Ho-Chunk Nation Election Board
Vacancy Announcement

The Ho-Chunk Nation Election Board is seeking individuals to fill current vacancies on their board in the following districts with terms ending December 2011:

- District 3 Green Bay Delegate & Alternate
- District 2 Wisconsin Dells/Ind. Heights Delegate

Individuals may be nominated at their local area meetings and submit a letter of interest as well as qualifying information immediately. It is very important that all districts be represented at the Election Board Meetings. The following information below is how you would contact the Election Board Office.

Judy Whitehorse
Election Board Chairperson
P.O. Box 756
206 South Roosevelt Rd
Black River Falls, WI
54615

Melissa Olvera
Election Board Office
P.O. Box 756
206 S. Roosevelt Rd.
Black River Falls, WI
54615

**(715) 284-8900 | (715) 284-8600 FAX
(800) 890-0583**

NOTICE

TERO COMMISSION - Regular Meeting

**DEPARTMENT OF LABOR
CONFERENCE ROOM
BLACK RIVER FALLS**

**Thursday, October 21, 2010
3:00 P.M.**

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT:
TERO DIRECTOR at (800) 294-9343 X 1141



Hi, this is Joshua Smith from Len Dudas Motors located on Hwy 66 in Stevens Point. I would like to extend my invitation to my fellow Ho-Chunk members to stop in and see our full line of new Chevy, Buick, GMC, and Cadillac vehicles. We also have a large selection of pre-owned GM certified vehicles. I am looking forward in being able to help you with all your future automotive needs. Please feel free to contact me by phone or email. josh@lendudas-motors.com

*Pina Gigi ~ Thank You,
Josh Smith
Len Dudas Motors
715-344-3410*

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Prevention

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areas he visited. Hall stressed, "This problem is at a level that should be able to be addressed successfully if the stake holders (community, programs, schools, Law Enforcement) are all willing to work cooperatively together towards a solution." The Nation is taking gang activity very serious. He stated the Ho-Chunk Nation is above and beyond a lot of places as for taking the right steps for change, however there is always room for improvement.

Some comments included, "A lot of us are naive and inexperienced when it comes to identifying gang activity. The assessment and training offered insight on identifying what gang activity actually is". A Ho-Chunk elder in attendance commented, "Sometimes the story continues on for years with no change, but other times there can be a turning point in one's life. As Ho-Chunk's we need to take action against gangs to help correct troubled lives. Change is needed now while they still have the chance. They need peace in their lives. This may seem cold and harsh, but fasting is the answer. Ho-Chunk's used this as a way of discipline and learning. Now is the right time and it is important!"

Hall stressed as a community we need to start contacting law enforcement when we see something suspicious. It needs to be a community effort because the community has to be the eyes for law enforcement. By doing so we are building relationships that will benefit our tribal communities.

One of the many stories shared by Detective Hall involved two young native high school students, both on the same path: suspects in gang cases, arrests for curfew violations, destruction of property (graffiti), and minor in possession.

With the intervention of Detective Hall, one of the youth was able to make a change. She moved into her grandmother's house due to her mother and father both incarcerated in Federal Prison. With minimal contact with family members, her grandmother encouraged traditional values and did not allow her to wear gang colors. She improved in school, began playing basketball, involved herself in cultural events and even began attending church.

Today, that young woman continues to stay away from gang affiliation, continues to learn about her culture and attends Language classes on a regular basis. She was recently awarded the Female Character Award for her achievements and continues to be a successful young native woman and role model.



GIRLS VOLLEYBALL TRY-OUTS US Indigenous Games 2011

Dates/Times/Locations: (Attend all 3)

November 7th, at Mohican Family Center, 11am—3pm

(Mohican Family Center—N8605 Oak Street, Bowler WI)

November 14th, at HoChunk Wellness Center, 11am—3pm

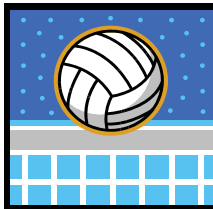
(HoChunk Wellness Center—S2845 White Eagle Rd, Baraboo WI)

November 21st, at Menominee High School, 11am—3pm

(Menominee High School—N522 Hwy 47/55, Keshena WI)

Ages: 13—19 **Age Groups:** Bantam.....13-14 Midget....15-16 Juvenile....17-18-19

Your age on December 31st, 2011, determines the age category you will compete in for the 2011



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GIRLS VOLLEYBALL TRY-OUT REGISTRATION DEADLINE: NOVEMBER 3rd, 2010

[For more information contact Pam Frechette at 715.853.3792](#)

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Final Try-Out for Girls Softball

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Date: October 24th, 2010 **Location:** Site I Ball Diamond (Oneida Ballfield), Oneida

{If rain then Norbert Hill Center Gymnasium, N7210 Seminary Road Oneida WI 54155}

Times: Bantams: 10:30—12 Midgets: 12noon—1:30 Juveniles: 1:30—3:00

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Ho-Chunk Nation Community Health Nursing Flu Clinics 2010

Ho-Chunk Nation Community Health Nursing is offering the following Flu Clinics for Ho-Chunk Nation employees. The vaccination being offered is a combined dose of H1N1 and seasonal flu in one.



If interested please bring your driver's license and Health Insurance Information. Questions can be directed to your local Community Health Nurse.

- Tomah Health Office, October 26th, 1 – 3pm
- La Crosse Branch Office, October 27th, 10am – 3pm
- Ho-Chunk Health Care Center, BRF, November 4th, 9am – 3pm
- Wittenberg Health Office, November 5th, 9am - 3pm
- Tribal Executive Building, BRF, November 18th, 9am - 2pm
- Ho-Chunk Casino, Baraboo, November 8th, 2pm - 6pm & November 9th, 9am - 3pm
- Majestic Pines Casino, BRF, November 10th, 8am - 3pm & November 16th, 5pm - 8pm
- DeJope Casino, Madison, November 22nd, 9am - 4pm

Ho-Chunk youth contribute to Wisconsin Dells cross country team

John Kozlowicz
Staff Writer

As the fall high school sports season in Wisconsin begins winding down, teams and athletes are getting ready to turn in their uniforms.

Among the athletes concluding their season are members of the Wisconsin Dells High School cross country team, whose varsity and junior varsity teams had a strong Native presence. Assistant coach, Ho-Chunk tribal member Lance Tallmadge, who serves as the school's Native American Student Services Coordinator, said that along with Ho-Chunk youth, Bill Leonard and Jake Johnson, the number two and

three runners on the seven man varsity team, other Ho-Chunk and Native youth all contributed to the program. Ho-Chunk youth Mister Walker, Sterling Greyhair, Sterling Cloud and Dallas White were all first year runners who learned throughout the year.

Tallmadge, a former cross country and track runner stated the year was a success. "We feel that that our program is making strides. Our numbers are up and the Native students have a lot to do with that."

"It's been a joy working with all the kids," he said. "It's given me an opportunity to run again. I'm already looking forward to next year."



Native members of the Wisconsin Dells cross country team 2010: (left to right): Mister Walker, Assistant Coach Lance Tallmadge, Bill Leonard, Alex Whiteside, Jake Johnson and Sterling Grayhair. Not pictured were Sterling Cloud, Dallas White and Manager Spring Win-neshiek.



Invitation to all our friends & relatives!
Clinton "Hayna Fats" GreenCrow
2nd Memorial Prayer Meeting
& Headstone Dedication
Nov. 12, 2010 - Friday
Native American Church, WI Dells

ALL AREA HALLOWEEN PARTY

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PLEASE JOIN US ON
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5:00 - 9:00 PM
AT THE TOMAH FAIRGROUNDS
DINNER SERVED AT 4:00 PM
(PLEASE BRING A DISH TO PASS)

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Timothy Lee Radtke
(10/20/59-3/9/09)

We miss you Choka Tim!
Love from your grandsons, Jacob and new baby Timothy.

Celebrating your life and knowing you are still with us.

We love and miss you each and every day.
Love, Tricia and Josh

Weha
I want to send a big thank you for helping me take care of my family.

Love,
Hot Boy

Legislature approves Veterans Home Ownership Program

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Staff Writer

On October 5, the Ho-Chunk Legislature approved and passed Resolution 10-05-10G, the first step in the Nation establishing a restricted fund to be used specifically to help provide home ownership opportunities to tribal veterans.

Introduced by former legislator, Dallas WhiteWing, himself a disabled veteran, the resolution currently calls for the Veterans Home Ownership Program to be initially funded in the 2011-2012 fiscal year.

WhiteWing, who served during 1968-69 with the 1st Marine Division in Vietnam, believes that the establishment of a home ownership program targeted to serve veterans "is a way to honor our veterans."

He stated that the Nation currently has 149 honorably discharged veterans, who have applied for home ownership and have been denied funding, in part because of budget restrictions in the Nation's Home Ownership Program. Resolution 10-05-10G asked that \$4,000,000 be put into a restricted fund and that criteria be created that would award veterans' points to qualify for home ownership in the Veterans Home Ownership category. Aware that other sources of funding is available, WhiteWing believes that approximately \$16 million would be needed to satisfy the housing needs of those currently eligible. Because the number of Ho-Chunk veterans is likely to increase, Resolution 10-05-10G asks that the funding to the Home Ownership Program be replenished annually until all eligible Ho-Chunk veterans are serviced.

On hand to support passage of the resolution was Jay Buchite, Valuation Officer with the U.S Department of Veterans Affairs. Currently in charge of a Special Adaptive Housing Program that helps veterans who have lost the use of their lower extremities obtain suitable housing; Buchite explained that although there are grants available to help veterans, these grants have financial limitations. The Veterans Home Ownership Program could provide a sole source of funding or an excellent source of supplement funding to veterans looking to build or buy an existing home, he said. He added that to his knowledge, no other tribal government has such a program.

Concerned that many honorably discharged veterans never received housing assistance, WhiteWing stated the purpose of the resolution was to recognize the important role and status of the warrior in the Ho-Chunk culture. Too often, he said, tribal veterans have had to reach elder status before they were selected to receive housing from the Nation.

In passing Resolution 10-05-10G the Legislature agreed "that the hardships of combat duty and peacetime duty be recognized by the establish-

ment of a separate class for Honorably Discharged Hocak warriors for the purpose of expediting the acquisition of housing for this heretofore ignored and deserving special segment of tribal society who invariable still bear the physical, psychological and spiritual burdens of the warriorhood experiences."

WhiteWing explained that because the creation of a Veterans Home Ownership Program was one of the agenda items that was not discussed before General Council adjourned last month,

he was grateful that that the Legislature took up the matter. "I want to thank the Legislature for passing a resolution that will help our veterans," he said.

There is a lot of work that needs to be done prior to implementing the VA HOP. The Legislative and Executive Branches of Government are working together on the program planning and execution. They are developing strategies which serve the purpose of achieving the program objectives.



Veterans Thanksgiving Day Dinner

Date: Thursday, November 25, 2010

Time: 12 - 5 PM

Location: Sanford WhiteEagle American Legion Post 556

In the past, this event has been held at the Andrew Blackhawk American Legion Post 129. This year it is being relocated to the Sanford WhiteEagle American Legion Post 556 giving us the opportunity to work hand-in-hand with their post and to show our support.

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